(e) if not, the reason therefor and present status of the investigation?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A consignment beloging to HAL containing spares of Air Force aircraft was despatched by HAL through M/S Elbee Ltd. by rail from Gwalior to Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Station on 11th September 2001. This consignment contained six packages in a box and was to be sent by Air by M/S Elbee Ltd. from Delhi to Bangalore. The consignment was reported to be missing from Hazrat Nizammuddin Railway Station when the representative of M/S Elbee Ltd. came to collect the same at 1500 hours on 12th September, 2001.

(c) to (e) The loss was reported to Nizamuddin RPF Railway Station by Railway Authorities. The case is under investigation by Civil Police. It is learnt that a Departmental Enquiry has also been ordered by Railway Authorities and further action will be taken only after the Police investigation and Departmental Enquiry are completed.

Vehicles and Engines overhauled by ABW

1808. SHRI RAMACHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the established capacity of Army Base Workshop to overhaul vehicles/engines per year;

(b) the total number of vehicles/engines overhauled by the Army Base Workshop during the last three years, year-wise;

(c) the reasons for tardy planning and execution of overhaul projects; and

(d) the fresh steps taken to utilize established overhaul capacity of Army Base Workshop and to clear the backlog of accumulated vehicles and engines for overhaul?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) The annual established capacity of Army Base Workshops for overhauling vehicles/engines is 60,16,100 man-hours.

(b) The total number of vehicles/engines overhauled by Army Base Workshops during the last 3 years is as follows:—

Year	No. of Vehicles overhauled	No. of Engines overhauled
1999-2000	440	4724
2000-2001	567	4581
2001-2002 (till 28th February 2002)	576	4319

(c) The overhaul projects have been well planned and satisfactorily executed. The Army Base Workshops are being utilised optimally and to their full capacities. There is no tardiness in planning and execution.

(d) The established capacities are being fully utilised. The aspect of increasing the capacities of Army Base Workshops, the norms for subjecting an equipment for overhaul and to meet the challenge of increasing equipments is reviewed constantly by the Army. At present, cases for establishing overhaul facilities for ARV WZT-2, BMP-II and OSA-AK weapon system are in progress.